

3.2. If skilled personnel, resources and local conditions permit camera trapping on a capture-recapture model can be carried out.

*For Prey Species (including livestock)*

3.3 Pellet density estimate using plots along predetermined sampling routes which will be replicated annually. This will generate a quantitative, objective index with a mean and a variance.

3.4 Direct estimation of prey density or at least prey encounter rates using a system of properly laid out line transects. This will generate a density estimate with a mean and a variance.

The above recommendations should be introduced by modifying the "census" operations into a simpler tiger distribution mapping as described above.

Sd./-	Sd/-	Sd./
(DR. L.A.K. SINGH)	(SANJAY SINGH GAILOUT)	(VINOD RISHI)
Sd./-	Sd/-	
(DR. A.J.T. JOHNSINGH)	(BRIG. RANJIT TALWAR)	
Sd./-	Sd/-	
(DR. ULLAS KARANTH)	(P.K. SEN)	

#### **Taj Mahal**

1115. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Taj Mahal is in danger due to toxic fumes and smokes emanating from brick kilns;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) to (c) There is no danger to the Taj Mahal from emissions of brick kilns as all brick kilns in 20 km radius of the Taj Mahal and other significant Monuments in the Taj Trapezium have been closed in compliance of an order dated 10th May, 1996 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

#### **Homes for Mentally Retarded**

1116. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities where homes for the mentally retarded are functioning at present, population-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have adopted criteria for opening such more homes for these disabled persons; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) The Central Government do not have homes for mentally retarded persons. However it gives grants-in-aid to Non-Governmental Organisations all over India for schools/Vocational Training Centres for mentally retarded. The details of such NGOs State-wise are given in the attached *Statement*.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

#### **Statement**

Sl.	State	Name of the Cities
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1. Hyderabad (10) 2. Secunderabad (03) 3. Karimnagar (01) 4. Vishakhapatnam (01) 5. Vijaywada (01) 6. Chittoor (01) 7. Krishna (01) 8. Kakinada (01) 9. Khammam (01) 10. Guntoor (01)
2.	Bihar	1. Patna (05) 2. Gaya (02) 3. Jehanabad (01)
3.	Delhi	11